



Diaconal and Parish Leadership

FORMATION PROGRAM

A two-year course of studies

*Now being offered in Philadelphia at St Stephen's
Cathedral for the 2018–2019 Academic Year*

NOT JUST EDUCATION, BUT FORMATION

Through participation in the Divine Services and studying graduate-level material in Scripture, Theology, Church History, Order of Church Services, and Spirituality, the program immerses students in the life and theology of the Orthodox Church.

FOR ALL ASPECTS OF PARISH LIFE

The program is designed to be helpful to Diaconal Ordination candidates, catechists, youth workers, teachers, choir directors, readers, and parish council members.

COURSE SCHEDULE

The program meets for two years every Saturday from September to December (*Fall Semester*) and January to May (*Spring Semester*). Each meeting begins with Liturgy and is followed by two educational sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

COMPLETION OUTCOME

Those enrolled in the Diaconal Formation track will fulfill the necessary academic requirements for ordination to the Holy Diaconate and will receive a Certificate in Diaconal Formation. The final decision regarding ordination, in accordance with the Church Canons, rests with the diocesan bishop. Those enrolled in the Parish Leadership Training track will be awarded the Certificate in "Parish Lay Leadership Training".

FOR MORE INFORMATION

With the blessing of your parish priest, contact Father Victor Gorodenchuk at dean@ststephenscathedral.org.

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